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Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 47th meetings on 5 May and 30 June 2014. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/68/SR.35 and 47).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/68/597 and Corr.1);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/68/782/Add.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.37

4. At its 47th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic" (A/C.5/68/L.37), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Indonesia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.37 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 2043 (2012) of 21 April 2012, by which the Council decided to establish for an initial period of 90 days the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic under the command of a Chief Military Observer, and Council resolution 2059 (2012) of 20 July 2012, by which the Council decided to renew the mandate for a final period of 30 days,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic as at 30 April 2014, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 0.5 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 122 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

3. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic the amount of 6,530,100 dollars, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, under the terms of section VI of its resolution 64/269 of 24 June 2010;

[1] A/68/597 and Corr.1.

[2] A/68/782/Add.1.

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

4. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 6,530,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

5. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 162,400 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;

6. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic".